(b) The imported material (Technical grade) is sold to various parties *who* possess valid Registration Certificates under the Insecticides Act and Manufacturing Licences. The norms are the same for both the big business houses and small scale sector. Formulators are required to establish Letters of Credit in favour of HEL for allotted qualities and HIL sells the material on High Sea Sales basis.

Delay in completion of power projects

2346. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of a recent report according to which over 100 projects in the Energy and Transport Sectors have been delayed, causing a minimum of 60 per cent escalation in the completion cos? of these projects;

(b) what are the short-term and long-term remedial measures taken to correct this ongoing situation where the approved cost of these projects escalated from Rs. 12,800 crores to Rs. 21,000 crores; and

(c) what are the specific power projects originally scheduled for completion in the Seventh Plan period, the duration of their commissioning, slippages and the resultant cost-escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Gas turbines for power generation

2347. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture gas turbines for power generation;

(hi if so. what are the details thereof:

(c) whether Government have sufficient supply of gas for power generation in India;

(d) if reply to Part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what will be the mode of distribution and consumption of such power generated from gas turbines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY' OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. BHEL has entered into an agreement with M/s General Electric Co. of USA for the manufacture of gas turbines of certain capacities upto 37.4 MW. The agreement is valid for 10 years

(c) and (d) Availability of gas for gas-based power plants is committed on the basis of overall availability of gas in that particular region, other possible alternative users of gas in that area and techno-eco-nomic feasibilities of supply of gas

(e) The distribution of power generated from gas turbines as also from other types of plants is being done by the State Elec-trici'y Boards/Electricity Departments

Encouraging indigenous production of drags

2348. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has liberalised price control on drugs with the objective of boosting indigenous production;

(b) if so, what was the number of drugs under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 and what is their number under DPCO 1987;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has removed provision 6 of DPCO, 1979 from the existing price control order;

(d) if so, in what manner the deletion of this provision will boost indigenous production; and

(e) what are the details of provisions under the existing order to check profiteering on the trade of imported bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 347 and 166 bulk drugs respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Para 6 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 was found to be impracticable in operation. Indigenous pro duction will be boosted by making use of tariff mechanism.

Deletion of Paragraph 7(2) of DPCO 1979

2349. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROI1NI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUS TRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have deleted Paragraph 7(2) of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 from the 1987 Drugs Price Control Order;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that with; the deletion, of this provision ths drugs companies can legally retain the difference of price at which bulk drug are obtained and that charged from the consumer; and

(c) if so, how such an action can safeguard the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Consumer interest will be safe-guarded by revising prices of scheduled formulations with changes in the price of bulk drugs.

Fixation of Formulation prices

2350. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUS TRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to fix the prices of formulations on weighted average price in case of different cost of production of the same drug;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that DPCO 1987 does not contain any provision with respect to the difference between the prices of bulk drug producers and the weighted average price; and

(c) if so, how the weighted average price will be fixed under higher 0;~ lower prices of different producers than the weighted average price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of fixation of weighted average price is relevant only if prices • for different producers are different. There is no need to fix the weighted average price if the price fixed for different producers of a bulk drug is one and the same.

Price rise of Category II drugs

2351. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) the names of Category II formulations whose prices will go up along with p«rcentage increase in each case;

(b) what was the rate of MAPE provided under thw Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 and what is the present MAPE on each drug;

(c) whether higher rate of MAPE has been allowed on the basis of any study; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) The details can